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SUBJ: ROK-JAPAN RELATIONS-MIYAZAWA VISIT

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1. COMMENTING ON HIS PROJECTED VISIT TO SEOUL (SUBSEQUENTLY ANNOUNCED PUBLICLY BY PRIME MINISTER MIKI JULY 5) FORMIN MIYAZAWA TOLD AMBASSADOR GOJ ANXIOUS TO HIGHLIGHT ROK-JAPAN RELATIONS PRIOR TO MIKI'S WASHINGTON TALKS. (COMMENT: FACED WITH PROSPECT OF BEING ASKED IN US WHAT JAPAN HAS DONE TO FOSTER STABILITY AND SOLIDARITY IN NON-COMMUNIST ASIA SINCE VIETNAM, JAPANESE PROBABLY FEEL NEED FOR SOMETHING TO SHOW PRESIDENT FORD.) SEOUL TRIP, MIYAZAWA STATED, SHOULD NOT BE VIEWED AS PRELUDE TO ROK-JAPAN MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE.

2. SWITCHING TO SETTLEMENT TERMS FOR KIM TONG-UN CASE, FORMIN SAID LETTER FROM ROK WOULD SAY THAT KIM HAD NOT FORMALLY BEEN FOUND GUILTY, BUT THAT ROK UNOFFICIALLY FELT HE HAD OPERATED IN A WRONG MANNER, AND CONSEQUENTLY HAD BEEN DISMISSED FROM HIS POST. MIYAZAWA SAID THAT JAPANESE NATIONAL POLICY AGENCY WOULD NOT BE ENTIRELY HAPPY WITH THIS FORMULATION
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BUT THAT IT WOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO CLOSE CASE.

3. MIKI ANNOUNCEMENT JULY 5 COUGHT FONOFF BY SURPRISE.
ACCORDING TO NORTHEAST ASIA DIVDIR SEO, IDEA OF VISIT HAD NOT
YET BEEN BROACHED FORMALLY TO KOREANS ALTHOUGH VERY UNOFFICIAL
SOUNDINGS HAD BEEN MADE. SUBJECT HAS NOW BEEN SUBJECT OF FORMAL
DEMARCHE, AND SEO EXPECTS THAT ROK WILL WELCOME IDEA. NO DATE
SET YET.

4. COMMENT. ANNOUNCEMENT OF HIGH LEVEL VISIT WITHOUT AGREEMENT
OS HOST GOVERNMENT IS NOT COMMON PRACTICE, BUT THEN NEITHER
IS ROK-JAPAN LINK A COMMON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONSHIP.
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